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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Ms. Dortch:

Since 1950, the mission of the St. Louis Arc has been to empower people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families to lead better lives by providing a lifetime of high-quality services, family support and advocacy. We are also guided by our core beliefs of Respect, Collaboration, and Empowerment. In this mission, we are very glad to have had such a willing and wonderful partner in Charter Communications.

St. Louis Arc's relationship with Charter is deep and substantial. In 2017, we received a \$20,000 grant to help build an adaptive technology Tech Café that helped improve our facilities and allowed us to provide new services for our community. In 2019, we were able to expand to a second adaptive technology space with another \$10,000 grant from Charter. Taken altogether, Charter has helped us immensely and we are very thankful for their partnership. These grants have made a real difference in countless lives.

In addition, Charter's work in Missouri has benefitted the state as a whole. In total, they serve over 800,000 customers and employ more than 6,100 people. With big employment centers in St. Louis, St. Ann and Maryland Heights, Charter's footprint is having a positive impact across the state.

Given Charter's generous work with St. Louis Arc and to Missouri, we are proud to endorse their request that the FCC sunset a set of provisions that were laid out in their merger. Charter has been a good friend of this community and we look forward to their ongoing friendship in the future.



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